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Be ye firong therefore, and let not your Hands be weak: for your Work shall be rewarded.

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PREFACE.

HE Favourers and generous Supporters of the Circulating Welch Charity Schools will observe with Concern, that they are no longer addressed by the Pen which, during a Succession of many Years, communicated to them the Progress of this charitable Undertaking, which is founded on Duty to our common Lord and Saviour, and on tender Compassion to the spiritual Wants of our Fellow-Christians. But though these humble Seminaries of Christian Knowledge have been lately deprived of that unwearied Affistance which their (late) eminently useful Founder and Conductor was ever ready to give them, yet the same Labour of Love is still carrying on; and it is humbly hoped that the same Principle of Benevolence which hath hitherto inclined the Hearts of many Persons to befriend them, will continue to prevail with good Christians to contribute toward their Support.

Many Thousands of People within the Principality of Wales are living and happy Witnesses of their Usefulness. By the Instruction which they received during their Continuance in them, they have been fully convinced of the Necessity of leading godly, righteous, and sober Lives bere, in order to their Enjoyment of endless Felicity bereaster, through the infinite Merits and all-prevailing Intercession of our blessed Redeemer. As Members of Civil Society, they have been taught to pay due Obedience to their Governors, to live peaceably and usefully with their Neighbours, and to eat their

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own Bread by the Fruits of honest Industry: Such are the blessed Effects of this Charity, which, tho' now of extensive Insluence, took its Rise from a very small Beginning, as will appear from a Letter dated the 30th of March, 1738, which it hath been thought adviseable to reprint with this Year's Account of the Number of Schools and Scholars. It hath also been thought a Debt justly owing to the Memory of a Divine long and indefatigably employed in the Service of his blessed Lord and Master, (among which that of planning and conducting these Charity Schools is none of the meanest) to exhibit the sew following Particulars relating to his Person, and to attempt to do Justice, in some

degree, to his Character.

The Reverend Mr Griffith Jones was born in April, 1684; was ordained Deacon by the excellent Bishop Bull on the nineteenth of April, 1708, was presented to the Rectory of Llandilo, on the third of July, 1711, and to that of Llandowror on the twenty seventh of July, 1716; both of them in the County of Carmarthen, and not far distant from each other. After having endured long and fevere Trials of Pain and Sickness, which he bore with the Refignation becoming a good Christian, it pleased God to release him from the Troubles of this Life on the eighth Day of April, 1761. -The folemn Exhortations given by the above mentioned pious and learned Prelate both in public and in private, to those who were Ordained by him, were ever fresh in the Memory of Mr Jones, and doubtless made due Impression upon his Mind. - From his Admission into holy Orders he devoted himself to the Duties of his facred Function. - Conscious of the Importance of the Vocation wherewith he was called, he applied his chief Care and Study to the due Discharge of the various Parts of that momentous Profession. In his Preaching, he inculcated

cated the plainest and most obvious Duties of Christianity, which he inforced on the Minds of his Hearers in a manner so powerful and interesting, that few or none could depart unaffected or unedified. Nor was he an Instructor from the Pulpit only, his own Example added weight to, and was the best Illustration of the Precepts which he taught. - He fought all Opportunities of doing Good .-When the Scarcity of Bibles in the Welch Language was fo great, that with difficulty a fingle Copy could be met with to be purchased, his pious Concern for this Dearth incited him to employ his best Endeavours to procure an Impression of them. A Work truly Christian! which The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, of which Mr Jones was a Corresponding Member, charitably undertook, and with a Zeal becoming their Institution. happily accomplished. Two Impressions of fifteen thousand Copies each have been already procured, and disposed of, and it now lies before the Public. and is submitted to the Consideration of the Opulent and Beneficent, whether another Supply of the Oracles of Truth, waited for with Earnestness by many Thousands of the Poor now prepared to read them, be not a Work deferving Encouragement. - He published several useful Tracts upon religious Subjects in Welch and English. Tho' placed in a lower Station in the Church, he performed Services in the Cause of Religion which never fail to add Lustre on the highest. - And when Age, and its usual Attendants, bodily Infirmities, disabled him from discharging the public Duties of his Profession, and admonished him that the Time of his Diffolution was near approaching, his Thoughts, ever employed in his Master's Business, directed him to apply to a Person, who had always been a munificente Benefactress to these Schools, with Request that she would be pleased to undertake the Charge

Charge of conducting them on the Plan formed by himself, and with which she had been long acquainted. This Person, Mrs Bevan of Llaugharne in Carmarthenshire, is determined to execute the important Trust in the best manner she is able, and in pursuance of the Request which Mr Jones thought sit to express in his last Will; and to her all Letters relating to the Schools are desired to be directed for the future.

As the Cause of these Nurseries of Piety and Morality, their Usefulness, and the Expediency of their Continuance, hath been strongly and pathetically pleaded, and inforced in the Annual Accounts of them during an uninterrupted Succession of above twenty Years, it is hoped that the candid, humane and charitable Supporters of them will be satisfied with the yearly Publication of Abstracts of Letters and Certificates concerning the Behaviour of the Masters, the Number of Schools, and of Scholars

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And it is humbly defired that the worthy Benefactors will be pleased to accept the sincere and hearty Thanks of the Poor, whom they have been instrumental toward recovering from a State of deplorable Ignorance, and of instructing in the Principles of our holy Religion. A Religion! which, by the united Evidence of Prophecy, Miracles and Precepts, (Prophecy, fulfilled in the Person of its blessed Founder; Miracles, wrought by Him, and his Disciples in his Name; Precepts, destructive of Sin, and productive of Holiness) maketh it plain to Demonstration that it is adapted to be (may the Work be hastened!) the Religion of Mankind.



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Landowror in Caermarthenshire, March 30, 1738.

DEAR SIR,

Should not have deferred fo long to thank you for your Letter of January 17, but that I waited for more Strength, and Vacation from Business, to give (pursuant to your Desire) a more full and particular Account of our Welch Charity Schools, than my low State of Health and Hurry will yet allow me to do. The Occasion which (through the Grace of God) led gradually to the Thoughts of them, was a Catechifing Exercise after the fecond Lesson in divine Service, upon Saturdays before Sacrament Sundays; when feveral adult People, as well as the Children (particularly fuch as defired to partake of that bleffed Ordinance) were examined; not only in the Catechifm, but also in a System of Divinity, and discoursed with an eafy, familiar, and very ferious Way, about every Answer they made, explaining it clearly, to their Understanding, and strongly applying it to their Consciences.: But the greatest Part of those who most wanted such kind of Instruction, and the Application of it, stood off; being old in Ignorance, they were ashamed to be thus taught and catechifed publicly; while many others, after a proper and friendly Way of Dealing with them about it, submitted to the Method wil-

willingly, and at length would not be content without it. In Compassion to the poor (yet precious) Souls of others, public Notice was given in Church on Sunday, to fummon them, I mean all the poor People, to come thither, at the same Time with the rest, to receive a Dole of Bread, provided for them with Part of the Money the Communicants gave at the Sacrament. Being come together, and placed orderly in a Row to receive the Bread, a few plain and eafy Questions were asked them, with great Tenderness and Caution not to puzzle, or give them Cause to blush; having instructed and made a private Interest with the best disposed of them beforehand, to lead on and encourage the others. This being repeated once a Month, the Number of the elderly Carechumens increased, and all came willingly; giving Opportunity to proceed from easier to harder Questions, and by Degrees to teach them in all Knowledge needful to Salvation, and chearfully learning by heart two or three Verses out of the Holy Scriptures, as would be given them to be repeated at next Catechifing. This was defigned to fix better in their Memories the Doctrines and Duties such Texts of Scripture contained in them; and it pleased God to give fuch a Bleffing, that they all improved much, and many of them became visibly conscientious in a good Conversation and all religious Duties. Give me Leave, Sir, only to affure you, that no Minister, who wishes to see the Success of his Miniftry.

histry, if he knew what Pleasure it would give himself, and what Advantage it would be to the People, even to Standers-by as well as to the Catechifed; how much it would gain him their Love, and prepare them for Eternity, far beyond his Preaching all his Days, but would immediately either set about this, or think of some better Method to instruct his Charge. In this Way, Sir, it came to be discovered here, how deplorably ignorant the poor People are who cannot read, even where constant Preaching is not wanting, while Catechifing is omitted. This melancholy Difcovery of the brutish, gross, and general Ignorance in Things pertaining to Salvation, gave great Thoughts of Heart, and painful Concern; the Case being the same, if not worse, in most other Places as here, and Difficulties being found in teaching Knowledge to those who cannot read: After many Years Practice of the Method above, it occurred at length to wish for, rather than any hopeful Prospect of Success to set up, Welfb Charity Schools. The first Attempt this Way was tried about seven or eight Years ago, with no other Fund to defray the Expence of it, than what could be fpared from other Occasions out of a fmall Offertory by a poor Country Congregation at the bleffed Sacrament; which being laid out first to erect one, and then a little time afterwards two Welch Schools, answered so well, that this gave Encouragement to attempt fetting up a few more; and divine Providence was not wanting to B 2 bring

bring in Benefactions to support them. It pleafed God to increase their Success and Number all along to this Time; infomuch that this last Winter, and the present Spring, the Number of these Schools has amounted to Seven and thirty: feveral of them having two, and some three Masters; who are obliged to keep a methodical Lift of the Names, Places of Abode, Ages, Quality, Calling and Condition in the World, Dispositions and Manners, Progress in Learning, &c. of all the Men, Women, and Children, that are taught by them. These Accounts are found very useful, but so voluminous, that I cannot (without more Pains and Time than I can spare at present) be exactly particular in the Number of Scholars. By the best Calculation, on a transient View, the Number taught in these Schools, within the Counties of Caermarthen, Pembroke, Brecon, and Cardigan, fince last September (inclusive of such as are now learning) makes at least Two Thousand Four Hundred. Very few of these could say so much as the Lord's Prayer, when they came first to School; and many of them could, in fix or eight Weeks Time, not only read tolerably, but repeat by Heart all the Church Catechism, in their native Welch Language, and make pretty good Answers to plain and familiar Questions concerning all the necessary Points of Faith and Practice in a System of Divinity, which the Masters are to instruct them in, for some Hours every Day, about the Time of Morning and Evening

Evening Prayer. It has given great Admiration and Surprize to some Clergymen to hear them perform fo well, when on certain Times they have been examined publicly in their respective Parish Churches. It is visible that a great Reformation from immoral Heathenism and rude Conversation is wrought in them, and in many others in the feveral Neighbourhoods of these Schools. Many now, through the mighty Power of divine Grace, do betake themselves to the important Duties of Prayer, frequenting God's Holy Word and Sacraments, fanctifying the Lord's Day, and instructing their Families, &c. who most deplorably practifed the Reverse of all this very lately. This Success has been much greater and more evident in fuch Places as could be supplied with the best qualified and most zealous Masters; several others, besides their Scholars, flocking in unto them at their catechetical Hours of Teaching, Psalmody and Prayer; fome of them receiving Instructions with Tears, and other Marks of ferious Dispositions. 'Tis commonly but for three or four Months that thele Schools are continued in the fame Place; poor People cannot stay longer at one Time from their Labour; and fometimes they have the Schools again for fo many Months afterwards in the following Year, to perfect what was deficient before; this being thought the best Way, as also a sufficient Length of Time for willing Learners to accomplish their Desires: And then the Schools are removed to other and distant Neighdia B 3. bour-

bourhoods where they are most defired, and like to meet with the best Success. And whereas the Benefit of hired Servants, Day-labourers, and married Men and Women, as well as the younger Sort, is intended by them, it is found necessary to give them the Offer of these Schools, at such Times or Seasons of the Year as they can best spare from the greatest Stress of their several Employments, which in almost all Places here is between September and May. The Inconveniency of the Days being then shorter than in Summer, is no Disadvantage to the Design, for they commonly used to be together for four or five Hours in the Night: And feveral Labourers, whom the pressing Necessities of their poor Families will not admit to attend the Schools by Day, do in fome Places constantly resort to them by Night, as a confiderable Number of very poor (and lately very profane) People did in our Welch City of St David's: And Instances of this we have also in other Schools. Besides, Servants can more easily find Labourers to serve cheaper in their room while they are at School in the Winter, than they could do at any other Season: And, where there is Encouragement or Opportunity for it, there are fome few Schools continued for Part of the Summer. By the great favour of the Honourable Society for promoting Christian Knowledge to this Branch of your laudable Defigns, we have been enabled to procure, at great Expence (notwithstanding your kind Assistance therein) Nine Hundred

ared and Forty Welch Bibles fince last Summer, besides Psalters and Church Catechisms, and about Thirteen Thousand other Books; many more Thoufands being still wanting, not for the Schools only, but for the Use of other People who learn to read of one another at Home; which, with the Salaries of all the Masters for Teaching, and being also obliged to supply the urgent temporal Necessities of some of the Scholars, to prevent the familhing of their Bodies (while these Endeavours are used to fave their Souls) have increased the Expence of this Year to a very extraordinary Pitch. But fince it is the Lord's Work, and all the Good that is done is his doing, there is no Cause to distrust but He will incline the Hearts of his faithful Servants to affift in an Attempt, which has perhaps the directest Tendency to promote the gracious and dying Design of the most dear Redeemer's Love and Paffion. Scarcely can any act more beneficially for themselves and others. than to become Fellow-helpers, and labour together with Christ in the most merciful and condescending Intention of his coming into this World to fave the Souls of Men. 'Tis humbly conceived there cannot be higher Acts of Charity, nor Alms given fo much to the Glory of God. the Good of others, and the Joy of the Giver, in any other Way than in contributing to help immortal Souls to a bleffed Welfare in their eternal State. And furely the Knowledge of Christ and God's revealed Will in the Holy Scriptures, will B 4

(by all Protestants) be acknowledged necessary to this End, which our bleffed Saviour bids all Men to fearch, because these are they that testify of him. 'Tis the Word of Truth contained in the facred' Volume, that is the great and appointed Instrument to raise the dead in Sin unto a Life of Righteousness, and whereby we come to be born of God, and begot or born again unto a lively Hope, and to an Inheritance that fadeth not away. too apparent not to be observed, that fince the Holy Scriptures are come to be more difused in public Discourses than formerly, and the greatest Strefs laid on Weapons from another Armoury, viz. the Dint of human Reasoning, Conversions have not been so numerous. This, it is hoped, will justify proceeding in the present Method here of teaching the Poor to read their Bibles. And, confidering the general and most lamentable Corruption of all Degrees and Functions of Men at present amongst us, it is, methinks, impossible to devise any other or better Way that is practicable and likely to promise any good Effect. As the Gospel, in the Beginning of it, was first preached to the Poor, and from them went forth and spread over all the Earth; what if the Lord will think fit again to restore the Gospel to its primitive Force and Lustre by the same Method? Surely they must be happy and blessed Men who assist in fo glorious a Work! 'Tis hoped that more glorious Times than the present are not very far off, though perhaps a cloudy, if not a very stormy Day may first intervene. I would to God all good Men did confider what is their Interest to mind under the Fear of impending Judgment, and the Hope of future Joy! If it should be but to prepare and preserve a Seed or Remnant to transmit the Gospel Light to a succeeding Generation, it deserves to be esteemed a Work worthy of the greatest Zeal and Expence to promote it in every Place where God in his Providence opens a Way for it. For my Part, as I am now in a languishing State of Health, I cannot hope for the Honour of being (but a very little while) concerned in it: Though at best but a very mean and unworthy poor Instrument, yet would rejoice much to carry the glad Tidings to their Fellow-Saints in the World above (if they should want Intelligence by any fuch Means) of the fervent Zeal of many, in Conjunction with your worthy Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, to the effectual Salvation of Men in this lower World. I cannot but congratulate the inconceivable Happinels of fuch bleffed Instruments, who combine together with their glorious King, and their Lord Redeemer, to rescue many poor, yet precious Souls, from the Power and Possession of the Enemy. How great their Reward and Glory! How bright will their Crown be at the glorious Appearing of the Son of God, when he comes to be glorified in his Saints, and to be admired, not only by, but likewise in all them that believe! And how much more in them that were, by divine

vine Bleffing, Helpers of the Faith of others, and Promoters of their Lord's glorious Kingdom in this World! Which I mention to your great Consolation, Sir, and your Fellow-labourers in this good and great Work. I have not made Application to any one for Contribution towards this Undertaking; it being sufficient only to mention to the Lovers of Jesus the Opportunity they have of attesting their Love to Him, and to others it had been thought wifest to say nothing. There is no great Opportunity, at least very little Encouragement to expect much Assistance in this Country, the far greatest Number every where wanting Ability; others want a much more necessary Qualification for Acts of Charity. Yet there have not been wanting here fome Friends, hearty Friends indeed to this Cause (as many as they are) but I could mention this (with respect to Persons of Rank or Ability) almost in the fingular Number; and some few others of inferior Circumstances, as Servants and poor Tradesmen, have contributed according to their Ability; which Fruit of Faith and Labour of Love, the Lord, no doubt, will abundantly reward. Here is a wide Door opened for a glorious Harvest, if divine Providence will please to provide Means and Labourers to carry, it on. If the Honourable Society would be at the Trouble of knowing the present State of this Affair, I don't know but what I have faid of my Want of better Health may oblige me to refer those worthy

Gentlemen to the Hints I have given here; Hints indeed, in Comparison to what I was defirous to acquaint you with. Though I studied nothing but Truth and Brevity (Inaccuracy you'll please to pardon) yet is my Letter swollen to a great Length; but cannot apologize for adding any thing but what I should hardly excuse myself for omitting. I hope not only for your Pardon, but that you will also let me perceive the good Effects of your Prayers for this Work, and for me. I am,

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Your most Obliged, and most Humble Servant,

Griffith Jones.

EXTRACTS of LETTERS and CERTIFICATES received from Michaelmas 1760, to Michaelmas 1761. Sent to the late Reverend Mr Griffith Jones, and fince his Death, to Mrs Bridget Bevan, of Laugharne in Caermarthenshire, from feveral Clergymen and others, concerning the Circulating Welsh Charity Schools, and the Behaviour of the Masters therein employed, in the Counties of South and North Wales.

The Extracts are placed according to their Date.

N. B. Many more Certificates have been received, than are thought necessary to be published.

Coychurch in Glamorganshire, Oct. 21, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

I Do hereby return you my fincere Thanks for favouring that Part of the Parish of Coychurch, called the Hamlet of Pencoed, with the Welsh School, for two Quarters, and certify that C——

I——, the Teacher of the said School, hath discharged the Trust reposed in him with great Care and Diligence, as appeared to my Parishioners and myself upon examining his Scholars. As the last Quarter is near out, we shall be extremely obliged to you, if the said Teacher shall have Permission to do the same Service in the lower Hamlet of Coychurch,

Coychurch, as the Children of that Hamlet could not attend at his School at Pencoed. I am, with great Respect and Thanks, Sir, Your, &c.

Thomas Richards.

Guynvey Chapel in Langadock, Caermarthenshire, Nov. 14, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

 \neg HIS is to certify that $W-\mathcal{I}$ —, who taught a Wellb Charity School last Quarter in this Chapel, has behaved himself decently and soberly, and has been very industrious in teaching those poor Children who were under his Care, whom I have catechifed several Sundays in Time of divine Service, and that many of them (though young and ignorant before) could repeat all the Church Catechism, the Responses, and the Graces before and after Meat. Their Parents and myself do jointly return you our fincere Thanks for this great Bleffing; and humbly beg you would continue the School one Quarter longer in this poor Chapelry, in order to perfect that which is fo well begun, that the Seed which is fown may have a deeper Root, and bear Fruit to Perfection. I to obcastor my Low Law am, &c.

John Williams, Curate of the faid Chapel.

Gelligar in Glamorganshire, Dec. 2, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

THESE are to certify unto you, and all your Co-adjutors, that $L \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{-}$, your Welft Schoolmaster's Quarter ended at Hendre, within

our faid Parish, the 20th Day of last Month. The Number of Day and Night Scholars under his Tuition are forty-six. There was lately a vast many of them at Church, to repeat both the Church Catechism, and your excellent Exposition on the same; which they did to my Satisfaction and the Admiration of the Congregation there present. The Neighbourhood, and the Poor of those Parts in general, defire the Favour of you to continue your good and well-difposed Schoolmaster amongst them at least for one Quarter longer (if that is agreeable to your prescribed Rules) who indeed deferves Commendation, and behaves himself very honest in the Trust reposed in him. I am also defired, Sir, by whole Families where the School is fix'd at prefent, to acquaint you that they, as well as the poor Children, received a great deal (perhaps more than any Tongue can express) of Benefit by your said School; for the Master is so sedulous that he lays hold on every Opportunity to instruct the Old as well as the Young. I am also defired to return you fincere Thanks for the excellent Books that were distributed amongst them gratis. I shall not be fo much wanting to myself neither, without giving you, and the rest of our pious Benefactors, my best Thanks for the great Affistance you do unto me to discharge my Duty. May the great God reward you all; which are the Prayers of

George Parry, Curate Ibidem.

Llanegwad in Caermarthenshire, Dec. 5, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify that the Mistress of the Welsh Charity School, at Pendderi, in the Parish

Parish of Llanegwad, has been as faithful and industrious in the Discharge of her Duty for the last three Months, as she has been heretofore in other Parts of this Parish. Several Beginners are newly come under her Tuition (some of them grown People) who desire in the most earnest Manner, that the School may be continued there for a Quarter longer. It lies on the Borders of Llanesfynydd Parish; so that the two Parishes reap the Benefit of it. I return you my most humble Thanks for so many Favours conferred upon me and my Parishioners; and remain yours, &c.

David Richard, Curate of Llanegwad.

Penboyr in Caermarthenshire, Dec. 11, 1760.

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I E return you our fincere Thanks for the many Favours you were pleased to grant our Parish of Penboyr, and especially for the Welsh Charity School the last Quarter. It was kept at the Beginning of the Quarter in the Upper Part of our Parish, and then removed to a Place called Clos-y-graig, in the Parish of Llangeler, for the Conveniency of the Scholars. And I hope you'll pardon my Freedom if I will take the Liberty to petition it for another Quarter, to be kept in the lower Part of our Parish, that the poor Children there living may enjoy the ineftimable Bleffing of being instructed in the Doctrines of Christ; which is fo absolutely necessary, that without it none of us will be able to serve God, so as at last to be accepted in the Beloved. I am, &c.

Thomas Lloyd.

Kenarth

Kenarth in Caermarthensbire, Dec. 19, 1760?

Reverend SIR,

Welfb School in the Parish of Kenarth has been diligent to instruct his Scholars to spell and read, and to learn their Catechism; for I have examined them, and to my great Surprise, they could give a very good Account of the Principles of Religion. And the Parents of these poor Scholars are very desirous that the School should be continued a Quarter longer, if possible. The Master likewise behaved civil, and did much Good in the Parish. So I remain, &c.

Lewis Davies, Curate of Kenarth.

Trefilan in Cardiganshire, Dec. 22, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

DEING desirous some Years past to have a Welsh School in one of my Parishes, but not being inquisitive enough how to direct to you, I had not the Opportunity of begging it till now. If the School be granted, I do intend to inspect it diligently, in Hopes, by God's Bleffing, that our Youth will be better principled in the Christian Religion, than our grown People are in the prefent Age. It grieves me very much to hear many an old Person exposing his Ignorance on his sick Bed: that he knows little or nothing what to do. or how to be faved, which must be chiefly owing to Want of Instruction in youthful Days, which must be also an effectual Means of understanding, and improving under Sermons, and other Means of Grace. Being fent for to visit a sick Person, perfectly

perfectly in his Senses, between fixty and seventy Years of Age; when I went by his Bed-fide, he told me that he wanted That of me; being conscious what he meant, I asked him what. That faid he which you give the People in Church. I asked him again, what was that, he, after a little Hesitation, replied, a Bit of a Sacrament, This is the Case with too many; and this could be removed by early Instruction, and at least would be a means to bring Men to understand what to do to be faved. I am, &c.

David Loyd, Vicar of Yfrad.

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Land nor here spik don HAT C- J+, Master of the Welch Charity School, kept in Clydey, has, to my certain Knowledge, been very careful and diligent in instructing the Children under his Care, as it plainly appeared to me, and the Congregation affembled there on Christmas-day, when to my great Satisfaction they said their Catechism and the Exposition very perfect; that it is mine and my Parishioners earnest Desire, that he may be continued one Quarter longer amongst us, where I hope he will do a great deal of Good, as he is a Man that is very well qualified for the Care he has taken upon him; and that he does conscientiously discharge his Duty, We certify.

John Jones, Vicar of Clydey.

Thomas Owen, of Glague.

Bettus in Glamorganshire, Dec. 27, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

HE Favour of a Welch Charity School in the Parish of Bettus for this Quarter, is greatly acknowledged by the Parishioners and myfelf. The poor Children taught here have made great Improvement; they can read tolerably well, and have got the Church Catechism by heart, and some of them great Part of the Explanation thereof. I have the Pleasure to affure you, that their Improvement in this fundamental Branch of Christianity is very considerable. They have been publicly examined in Church; and this I may venture to affirm, that the plain Account they gave of the great Truths of our holy Religion, was not a little edifying to the Au-I shall not here omit doing the Master once more the Justice to let you know that he is a careful pains-taking Man, and of a fober exemplary Life. We have Reason to hope, that the good Seed fown in these little Nurseries of Religion, if duly watered and nourished by a regular and persevering Use of all the Means of Grace, will in Time grow up, and bear Fruit, to the eternal Joy of these poor Objects, and the endless Glory of the generous Promoters of their Christian Education: Which is the ardent Wish and fincere Prayer of, your, &c.

Thomas Griffith, Clerk.

Llangefni in Anglesea, Dec. 27, 1760.

THIS is to certify, that F-C-, Master of the Welch Charity School kept in this Parish

Parish of Llangesni, in the County of Anglesea, has, for three Months past, behaved himself in a pious, sober, and regular Manner; and he has taught several Children to read the Scripture, and repeat the Catechism, &c. Therefore we, the Minister and others of the said Parish, do offer our earnest and hearty Thanks to the Supporters of this laudable Chanty, praying God to bless their pious Endeavours to the Promotion of his Glory, and the Good of Mankind.

R. Williams, Curate.

Verwick in Cardiganshire, Dec. 27, 1760.

Reverend and Dear SIR,

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EW Days ago I have examined 7-Tour Welch Schoolmaster's Scholars, who taught this last Quarter upon the Borders of Verwick Parish; and to do the poor Man Justice, I have, with Submiffion, the following Particulars relating to the faid School to wait upon you: The Time I last visited his School I found there fortyfix Scholars, some very young, and some pretty old. but all poor, excepting very few. In this School I found two Women, each about fifty Years of Age; when they first began to frequent the School they knew not the Alphabet, but now can read tolerably. There was also a little Child, who is but three Years old, that could spell even the hardest Words, which I looked upon as a rare Example. About thirty of his Pupils could fay the Church Catechism by heart; about a Dozen learnt a large Portion of your excellent Exposition upon the fame, and some of the Prayers set down in the End of the faid Book, and the Graces: They could likewise answer, with great readiness,

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many Questions proposed to them concerning the Being of God, and his Attributes, the Fall by Adam, and the Redemption by Christ, and many other Things relating to their Duty towards God, towards their Neighbours, and towards themselves; and performed all these even to my Satisfaction and Admiration too. Which Performance of theirs is a plain Proof of the Master's Care and Diligence, and of his living up to the

Rules of the Charity Schools.

I do hereby likewise return you, dear Sir, sincere and hearty Thanks, as well in my own Name in particular, as that of my Parishioners in general, for the great and numerous Benefits the Poor of this Parish and Neighbourhood have received entirely through your Hands; for which also may our gracious God reward you, and the rest of the Benefactors and Contributors of this excellent and laudable Charity; praying also for you, and craving a Blessing upon all your Endeavours, especially those relating to the Charity Schools, wishing you Health and Prosperity here, and hereafter eternal Life, in the Presence of our ever blessed Redeemer; concluding with begging Leave to subscribe myself your, &c.

John Thomas, Curate of Verwick.

Llangernew in Denbigbsbire, Dec. 31, 1760.

Reverend SIR,

R-F-, Teacher of the Circulating Welch Charity School, kept by your kind Indulgence in this Parish Church of Llangernew, hath, for this last Quarter, used such uncommon Diligence, that the Parents of some of the Children have been greatly and most agreeably surprised at the

the Progress that their Children have made under his Tuition. And their Solicitations for a longer Continuance of that Favour for another Quarter were so pressing, even with Tears, that I could not find myself capable of withstanding their Petition.—— I am, &c.

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Nantewnlle in Cardiganshire, Jan. 8, 1761.

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Reverend SIR,

T gives me great Pleasure that I am able, with the strictest Truth, to assure you, that the Bearer hereof, D-G-, Master of the Welch Charity School in this Parish, has very conscientiously discharged the Trust reposed in him of teaching the poor Children of the faid Parish; that they can repeat, with great Readiness and Exactness, the Responses of the Liturgy of our Church, and have made a confiderable Improvement in their Reading, &c. In short, the Rules laid down for these Schools have been very well observed by him. It is against the Parishioners Inclination as well as my own, that he is to quit us at the End of this Quarter. There cannot be Alms better beltowed than for the Instruction of Youth in the true Principles of the Christian Religion. May God eternally reward those that contribute towards it, and bless their Endeavours with all imaginable Success, is the hearty Prayer of, &c.

If. Williams, Vicar of Nantewnlle.

Newport in Pembrokeshire, Jan. 14, 1761. Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify, that the Bearer hereof, T-O-, kept a Welch School in this Parish C 3 Church, Church, and behaved himself in every Respect suitable to the Rules prescribed in that Behalf. The poor Scholars profited very much under his Tuition. I have examined them publicly at Church, where they performed to my Satisfaction. The Parishioners and Self join in Request that he should be continued for a Quarter longer, which will be looked upon as a Favour done to them, and your, &c.

Paul Bowen, Curate of Newport.

Trelech in Caermarthenshire, Jan. 29, 1761.

Reverend and Dear SIR,

UR Welch Schoolmaster, 7-T-'s Quarter just expires. I do with Pleasure certify, that his Conduct has been unexceptionable, and his Industry indefatigable, in the Discharge of the important Trust reposed in him. He kept the School for the last Quarter at a Place called Rock Chapel in this Parish, and had about sixty-eight Scholars, most of them Beginners, by reason they had not the Conveniency of a Welch School in that Part of my Parish for twelve or fifteen Years past. They made a considerable Progress in their Learning in fo short a Time: Several of them learnt the Church Catechism, and Part of the Exposition thereon by heart, and can answer many plain and easy Questions of the fundamental Articles of Religion in their own Words. They take a very great Delight in examining one another in the most interesting Subjects. ready and proper Answers at public Examinations give me and the Congregation great Pleasure and Satisfaction.

It affords no small Pleasure to all that sincerely wish well to, and heartily defire the Advancement of true Religion, to find many of those, that were taught in these Seminaries of Piety, become conftant Communicants, and attend diligently on divine Service, especially as there appear in many of them hopeful Signs of true Grace.

T- W-, another Schoolmaster, who kept a Welch School for the last Quarter at Waynfawr, in the Parish of Mydrim, brought many of his Scholars to be examined at my Church and Chapel. It appeared to me that he has taken great Pains in instructing them, for many of them could say the Church Catechism, and a considerable Part of your Exposition thereon very

properly.

I join my poor Parishioners and Neighbours in our hearty and fincere Thanks to you, and all the Promoters of this best of Charities; and pray, that God of his infinite Mercy and Compaffion may open the Hearts of others, and raise Benefactors instead of those that are called Home to reap the Fruit of their Labour of Love. May God preferve your Health and Strength, and prolong your useful Life, that you may promote and manage this excellent Charity, for the Advancement of Religion, and the eternal Salvation of immortal Souls. It will afford me great Pleafure, and I hope great Bleffing to my poor Parishioners, if you will please to favour us with the Welch School in the same Place for one Quarter longer. Compliance herewith will add more Obligations on my Parishioners, as well as on, Sir, Your, &c.

Benj. Morgans, Vicar of Trelech a'r Bettws.

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Master of the Charity School of Llaniestyn, has behaved with his usual Care and Diligence during the last Quarter there, in teaching the poor Children committed to his Care to read Welch, and not only to repeat their Catechism, but likewise to understand it, and whatever else was necessary towards promoting their Knowledge in the Principles of the Christian Religion, as withesseth my Hand this first Day of February, 1761.

Owen Owen, Rector of the faid Church.

Roscolyn in Anglesea, Feb. 2, 1761.

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of the Welfb Circulating Charity School in this Parish, did behave himself soberly and diligently in that Office, during the last Quarter's Teaching, to the great Advancement of Religion and Christian Knowledge amongst us. And it is not doubted but that, by the Blessing of God, the good Instruction bestowed upon the Children will be an inestimable Blessing to them and their Posterity, as well as an inestable Joy to the pious Encouragers of that most beneficial Charity; which is the sincere Belief and Desire of, &c.

William Griffith, Rector of Roscolyn.

Cemmes in Montgomerysbire, Feb. 4, 1761.

THESE are to certify that \mathcal{I} — H—, the Teacher of the Welch Circulating Charity School

School in the Parish Church of Cemmes, hath been very industrious in his Station, during the last Quarter, as witnesseth my Hand this 4th Day of February, 1761.

John Hughes, Minister.

Llangelynin in Merionethshire, Feb. 7, 1761.

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I Do with great Pleasure and Satisfaction certify, that $L - \mathcal{J}_{-}$, entrusted with instructing the poor Children of my Parish, behaved with the greatest Industry and Diligence, as appeared from their good Improvement in their Reading and Catechism. I pray God to bless this pious and laudable Intention, and grant you a longer Continuance of Life and Health, to extend and propagate this most useful Institution that ever was set on foot in Wales, for the Advancement and Increase of Religion and Morality. Am, &c. Rice Pierce, Rector of Llangelynin.

Llandwrog in Carnarvonsbire, Feb. 13, 1761.

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To the Worthy Benefactors of the Welch Charity Schools.

E have been favoured some Months with the Welch Charity School in this Parish; and it is a peculiar Satisfaction to me, that I can inform you, that the Children taught at this School have made as great a Proficiency as could be expected in so short a Time, which is a Proof of the Diligence of the Person that instructed them. My Parishioners and myself return you

our fincere Thanks, and beg you would indulge us with your Favour another Quarter. I am, Gentlemen, your, &c.

W. Griffith.

Maenordivy in Pembrokeshire, Feb. 21, 1761.

IT is with great Pleasure that I do acquaint you, that the poor Children of this Parish have received a very great Benefit by the Charity School you were pleased to favour them with for this

last Quarter at Llwyncrwn.

I have catechifed them publicly in Church, and most of them can say the Church Catechism perfectly well, and many of them can repeat a good Portion of your Exposition thereon. I often visit the School, to hear them read, and examined by the Master, who attends them diligently, and has a very good Method of instructing them, not only in the reading Part, but likewise in the Fundamentals of Christianity. The Parents of the poor Children under his Care do most humbly thank you for this, and all former Favours of this kind received by them; and may the Lord amply reward you, and all the generous Contributors to so worthy and excellent an Undertaking, is the sincere Prayer of

Evan Morgan, Curate of Maenordivy.

Bedd-y-Celert in Carnarvonsbire, Feb. 27, 1761.

THE great Favour of a Welch Charity School within this Parish for this last Quarter, is most gratefully acknowledged by the Parishioners and myself. The Children taught here were above Fifty (though the Winter Season was so

unfavourable) and have made very great Improvement; for most of them are capable of answering the Responses at the divine Service. when heretofore very few of my Congregation, though a large Parish, could. They have been likewise well instructed in the Church Catechism. and in the Principles of our Religion. Their Proficiency is an evident Proof of the Affiduity as well as the Ability of the Master in his Em-He has likewise instructed a greatployment. many of riper Years to read, and a great Part of my Congregation to fing Pfalms in a more devout and melodious Manner than we were used to before. Sensible of the great Good that must, by the Bleffing of God, accrue from fuch Seminaries of found Knowledge, my Parishioners join with me in our most ardent Wishes for the Prefervation of fuch charitable Persons as affift to support so truly pious an Institution: May the God of all Grace and Mercy amply reward them, is the earnest Prayer of, &c.

David Williams, Curate of Bedd-y-Celert.

Lanbadock in Monmouthshire, March 11, 1761.

Reverend SIR,

I Do hereby certify, that R-W-, Master of of the Welch Charity School in this Parish, has faithfully discharged his Trust, in instructing the poor Children committed to his Charge in the Grounds of the Christian Religion; as is manifest by my examining them in the Church Catechism at Lanbadock Church, where they attended to give a public Testimony of their Faith, to the general Satisfaction of the whole Congregation, and great Comfort of their Parents, who return their

their fincerest Thanks to the pious Benefactors. May they enjoy all earthly Blessings here, and a Crown of Glory hereafter, are the hearty Prayers of,

Abed. Prichard, Curate of Lanbadock.

Abernant in Caermarthenshire, March 12, 1761.

Reverend SIR, Will an off

THIS certifies, that the late W-T- has kept a Welch Charity School in this Parish. for the Space of fix Weeks and two Days, with great Success, until he was taken so very ill, poor! Man, that he could not continue any longer among his poor Pupils. When I found his declining State of Health, at my visiting his School, I could not in Pity but advise him to quit it for fome Time, in Hopes of his Recovery; but, to our no small Loss, in a short Time afterwards he was removed from us by Death, to receive, I hope, his ample Reward for his Faithfulness in his good Mafter's Service: And I heartily wish all Masters may follow his excellent Example in his unwearied Diligence and indefatigable Industry, to teach the poor ignorant Welch in the Principles and Practice of true Piety. I am at a Loss how to acquaint you of the great Usefulness of the Welch Charity Schools in these Parts. Several are brought to the Knowledge of the Truth by their Means, who otherwise were likely to remain in their spiritual Blindness to their utter and eternal Ruin.

The Well-disposed of the Parish of Cynwil, to testify their Approbation of the Welch Schools, after seeing their Usefulness, and sufficiently satisfied of the great and unspeakable Benefits the

Poor reap thereby, have this Year again, on the general Fast-Day, contributed the Sum of Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six-Pence, and defired it might be given into my Hands in order to be transmitted to you, for the Support of the said Schools; humbly desiring your Acceptance, with their sincere Thanks to you, and the rest of our pious and kind Benefactors of this best of Charities. I am, &c.

John Prichard.

Pistill in Carnarvonshire, April 12, 1761.

THIS is to certify, that R = G, Teacher of the Welch Charity School at Pistill, hath, for one Quarter, been careful and honest to his Trust, and that the poor Children instructed by him have made a tolerable Improvement in all Christian Knowledge. The Parishioners do gratefully and humbly acknowledge the Benefit, and return their Thanks to the Promoters of it.

William Lloyd, Rector of Edern:

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N. B. Pistill is a Chapel belonging to Edern.

The following LETTERS were sent to Mrs Bridget Bevan, of Laugharne in Caermarthenshire.

Llanllwni in Caermarthenshire, April 23, 1761.

MADAM,

BEING informed of Mr Jones's Departure out of this Life (whose Absence, though expected, can no otherwise than be very much lamented) lamented) and that Certificates of the Masters of the Weleb Charity Schools are ordered to be directed to you, I humbly beg Leave to assure you, that f - L -, Master of the said School in this Parish, has now finished his second Quarter here, and behaved, as far as I could perceive, strictly conformable to the Rules prescribed for him, both in Attendance on and Instruction of his Scholars; whose Improvement (the Ages of them considered) is very comfortable; for which my Parishioners join with me in sincere Thanks to the good Benefactors of this most excellent Charity; as well as in a grateful Memory of the late worthy Manager of the same.

John Thomas, Vicar of Llanllwni.

Begelley in Pembrokeshire, April 24, 1761.

MADAM,

Have the Pleasure to certify you, that the School settled at Begelley is likely to be productive of much Good. The Master, though young, bears a very good Character, for his Pains and Diligence in prosecuting of the Task assigned him: A Proof of this is, the great Number of Children entrusted to his Care, and the Progress they have already made under his Instructions; the latter of which equals the most sanguine Expectations. He has been but one Quarter here, and if it is consistent with the Institution of your Charity to continue him longer, it will be a great Means to consistent with the good Beginning already made. I am, &c.

Ev. Rice, Curate of Begelley.

N. B. This was an English School, being kept in an English Country.

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Margam in Glamorgansbire, April 27, 1761.

THIS is to certify, that M-T—, Master of the Welch Charity School in this Parish, has been very diligent for the last Quarter as usual; which appeared much to the Satisfaction of the Congregation and myself, at the Time of their being catechised; when little Urchins, not seven Years of Age, gave the Responses through the Whole very distinctly and perfectly. And I hope, that no unhappy Accident may put a Stop to so useful and laudable a Charity.

John Williams.

Langadock in Caermarthensbire, June 6, 1761.

MADAM,

Number of his Scholars to our Church, where they not only faid the Catechism, but sung Plaims, repeated Graces before and after Meat, and answered several Questions that were asked them extremely well.

I am truly concerned for the Death of Mr Jones; for I look upon it as a public Loss. God supply his Place in the Manner he sees best. I am, &c.

Owen Evans,

Llanbedr-Dyffryn-llwyd in Denbighshire, July 1,

THIS is to certify, that the Favour of one of the Welch Circulating Charity Schools, has, on my Application to J-J-, Agent and Inspector

Infpector of the faid Schools, been obtained, for the Instruction of the Children of the poorer Inhabitants of this Parish for six Months past; and removed within that Time into two different Parts of the Parish, for the better Convenience thereof: That on visiting the said School, E-W-, the Master, doth not appear to have been wanting either in Diligence or Ability; as upon Examination, all the adult Children, and fuch as had been longest under his Care, were found to read the Welch Bible moderately well, and to repeat the Church Catechism by heart readily, together with some of the Prayers and Graces. Seeing therefore that the great and laudable End of the Institution of the said Schools, is the Propagation and Furtherance of the Christian Knowledge among the poorer Sort, in Aid of the established Ministers, I hope to be indulged with the Continuance of that in my Parish as long as may be, in order the more effectually to obtain that End; for which unspeakable Benefit, I hope, myself and Parishioners shall ever pray for the Promoters thereof.

W. Green, Rector.

Gyddelwern in Merionethshire, July 6, 1761.

MADAM, de despet thankald on mi tout and

R. Jones, the great Promoter and Conductor of this pious and good Institution, at my Request, consented, that the Welch Charity School, kept in the Church of Gwyddelvern for several Months, should be moved to another Part of the same Parish, distant about three Miles from the Church. As the poor Children in that remote Corner are not very likely to have any other Oppor-

Opportunity of being instructed in the true Principles of Religion, and being sensible of the manifold Advantages Christian Knowledge will be of to these poor helples Infants, I hope you will indulge us with the Continuance of it for some Months longer.

K—D—, the Master, discharges his Duty with the same Care and Diligence as he has done hitherto. The Children committed to his Care, being above forty, are abundantly improved in their Reading, and repeating the Catechism.

I am, &c.

Robert Evans.

Cil-y-cwm in Caermartbensbire, July 14, 1761.

MADAM,

THIS is to certify, that $\mathcal{J}-E-$, Master of the Welch School in this Parish, did behave himself very sober and industrious in his Calling, and carefully instructed those committed to his Care and Tuition. His Scholars were examined publicly by me last Sunday in the Church Catechism, and many Questions besides, in the Principles of Religion, were asked them, and they answered extraordinary well. All the Parishioners are under great Obligations for the Good their Children have had, and beg to be favoured with it again next Autumn: Which is likewise the Desire of,

Evan Hughes, Curate of Cil-y-cwm.

Penderyn in Brecnocksbire, July 29, 1761.

MADAM,

BOTH the Children and their Parents have defired me to return Thanks for the Favour which

which you, and the other good Contributors, beftowed upon them: And as you have been fo
kind as to favour me and them with such a Blessing and Kindness, I think we ought (as it is the
least Thing that we can do) to thank you for it.
The Congregation in my other Church have had
some Pleasure, yea and some Benesit, in hearing
me catechise them; who importune me to beg a
further Favour of you, i.e. to continue the Master
a Season more with them. This, if you will be
pleased to grant, will be of great Benesit to both
my Parishes. I am, &c.

Thomas Bowen, Curate.

Llanwrda in Caermarthenshire, August 4, 1761.

MADAM,

Welch School in the Parish of Llanwrda, to the great Satisfaction of all the Parishioners and myself, and the valuable Improvement of the poor Children under his Tuition. We are defirous, if it be your Pleasure, to have him amongst us again to instruct the Poor for one Quarter longer. May the great and almighty Jehovah prosper and reward your laudable Endeavours, is, I hope; the hearty Prayer of my Parishioners and myself, who am your, &c.

David Evans, Minister.

Clynnog in Garnarvonshire, August 7, 1761.

THIS is to certify, that T-G, Teacher of the Welch Charity School at Clynnog, has been very careful and diligent about the Children com-

committed to his Care; and has brought, by little and little, a great many of them to be acquainted with their Christian Covenant. By little and little, I mean, giving them short Questions and Answers, to remember them the better; for Children, like other young Creatures, must have their Meat crumbled and made small, to be easier for Digestion. It highly concerns Parents to bring their Children early acquainted with the Scripture, to prevent the Growth of Vanity Youth is so subject to, and kill the Weeds of bad Customs before they grow fo stubborn, and take such Root in their Nature as to be too difficult to remove The Heart is a Garden that must be often weeded, or it will foon over-run with those Weeds, that will foon spoil the Growth of every Thing that is good you fow in it. It is no hard Matter at first to cultivate most Childrens Tempers, if Parents prepare the Ground before they have the Seeds of Instruction in them. Children are apt to have their Bodies and Features like their Parents, which shews Parents to be qualified best to mold and shape their Minds; for Parents know, partly by their own Inclinations, where the Bent or Biass of their Children lies.

Richard Nanney, Vicar of Clynnog.

Llanrbyddlad in Anglesea, August 11, 1761.

THIS is to certify, that W ounderrightarrow H ounderrightarrow Teacher of the Welch Charity School in this Parish Church of Llanrbyddlad, has been very careful and diligent in instructing the poor Children under his Care, both in teaching them to read, and catechising them daily; which will be a Means, with the Blessing of God, of bringing the Ignorant to a true Light of the Christian D 2 Know-

Knowledge. As this is the fecond Quarter my poor Parishioners reaped the Benefit of this most useful Charity, I look upon it to be but my Duty to join with them, in returning most sincere Thanks and Acknowledgments to the worthy Promoters of it; and may God Almighty reward them here and hereafter, is the unfeigned Prayer of their, &c.

John Hughes, Rector of Llanrhyddlad.

Brongwyn in Cardiganshire, August 12, 1761.

MADAM,

has taught a Welch Charity School in the Parish of Brongwyn, at a Place called Trewen, and another in the Parish of Bettus-Evan, with the utmost Fidelity and Diligence. If you will be so generous as to let him return and continue his School when the Harvest is over, you will oblige the whole Neighbourhood, as well as, &c.

Thomas James, Curate of Brongwyn.

Llansibangel y Pennant in Merionethshire, Aug. 14,

THIS is to certify, that D-B-, Master of the Circulating Welch School at Rhiwlas in this Parish, has been diligent and careful in teaching and catechising the poor Children under his Care. The Improvement they have made in so short a Time, is beyond Expectation. The Childrens Parents, with the rest of the Inhabitants of this Parish, return their Thanks to the pious Benefactors concerned in this truly Christian Charity,

Charity, and beg the Continuance of it another Quarter. I am, &c.

Eraf. Lewis, Curate of Llanfibangel y Pennant.

Mydrim in Caermarthenshire, August 14, 1761.

MADAM,

L-T- is obliged to give up keeping School before the Expiration of his Quarter, because of the Harvest. The Number of his Scholars were Thirty nine; and they came on very well. But he is of Opinion that was he fixed in another Part of the Parish he would have a better School. If an Indulgence of that kind can be granted, it will be very acceptable to my Parishioners, and gratefully acknowledged by them, as well as, Madam, by your, &c.

Thomas Rees.

Llangoedmore in Cardiganshire, August 15, 1761.

MADAM,

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Welch Charity School at Glan-dŵr, in our Parish of Languedmore, for this last Summer Quarter, and had a very good School. He behaved himself very regularly. His Scholars were examined, and found to be thoroughly instructed in the Church Catechism; and some of his best Proficients learnt by heart large Portions of the late Reverend Mr Jones's short Exposition thereon; and were instructed also in other Things relating to their Duty towards God and Man. My Parishioners, especially those that had the Benefit

of the said School, join with me in our sincere and hearty Thanks to you, for granting us this Favour; beseeching God it may effectually answer to your own Ends, and those of the charitable Benefactors, in the Persons of those on whom this Charity was bestowed here, and also in all other Places where the like Charity is freely granted.

But further, Madam, as many of his Scholars are young, and as there are many more in our Parish that want the same Instruction, I am defired to beg of you to favour us with the Continuance of this Blessing for another Quarter after the Harvest, in the same Place, and to have the same Schoolmaster. In so doing you will highly oblige many of my Parishioners, as well as myself, who am, &c.

John Davies, Minister.

Coyty Castle in Glamorganshire, Sept. 15, 1761.

MADAM,

Reverend Mr Jones obliges me to take the Liberty of troubling you, though I have not the Honour of being personally known to you. I had the Happiness of an Epistolary Correspondence with Mr. Jones, and intended to have waited on him in Person, in order to concert with him about the Continuance of what I now greatly fear we shall soon lose; i. e. the Circulating Welch Charity Schools.

One of these Schools has been supported in this Village, by your kind Contributions, and diligently taught by one H-E-; and in Justice to him, I humbly beg Leave to certify you, good Madam, and the rest of the Charitable Contribu-

tors, that he has very carefully and successfully taught all that came to him. For my own Part, I think the Welch Schools to be an excellent Method of propagating and promoting Christian Knowledge amongst our poor Countrymen, who are now taught to read the Gospel in their own Language, and have their Eyes and Understanding thereby opened; and will, I hope, be rescued and saved from Death eternal; be turned from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God.

As I am very sensible of the great Importance of these Schools, and of what mighty Service they may be to the Cause of God and Religion, I humbly beg, and earnestly beseech they may be continued longer amongst us. And may the Lord reward all our charitable Benefactors with the inestimable Blessings that are promised to those wise, charitable and pious Souls, that have been the happy Instruments of instructing the Ignorant, reforming the Vicious, and of turning many to Righteousness: Who, as one of our own Poets said of a certain Divine, Gladden Heaven with Thousands they have saved.

I am with all due Deference and Respect, and with my sincere good Wishes and most fervent Prayers for your Welfare, and the Success of your pious and charitable Undertakings for the Glory of God, and the Salvation of Souls, dear Madam,

your, &c.

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John Richards.

Cwm in Flintshire, Sept. 28, 1761.

MADAM,

Cannot but embrace this Opportunity of returning you my most humble and sincere Thanks for your very obliging Favour in answer-

ing the Letter which I fent for a Welch School into this Parish, and that so effectually and expeditiously. The Loss of so good and so useful a Man as Mr Jones was, must undoubtedly have deeply affected every feeling Soul that had any Concern for the happy Progress of Christian Knowledge amongst us: And had not that great and bleffed Trust been undertaken by your Goodness, it would have been to this Principality in general unconceivable and unutterable. The School was very much wanted in this Parish, for there was not a Youth in it, for as much as I could find, that could fay the Church Catechism. Master's Name is R-W-, the Parish Clerk, whose Diligence and Conduct was unexceptionable, and conformable to the prescribed Rules. Though the School began the 8th of June, about a Score of the Children have appeared before me in Church to repeat their Catechism, about two Months ago, and that for several Sundays succeffively; who can also answer some explanatory Questions put to them as far as the Command-The Mafter also teaches them to sing Pfalms; he and the Children under his Care were the only Singers we have had on divine Service these five or fix Weeks last past. May the divine Power affift and strengthen you in carrying on this most useful and blessed Charity, is, and ever shall be, the fervent Prayer of,

John Edwards, Vicar of Cwm.

Llanbedrog in Carnarvonshire, Sept. 28, 1761.

MADAM,

MY Parishioners, truly sensible of the great Utility of the Circulating Welch Charity Schools,

Schools, beg Leave to join with me in their most grateful Thanks for one of them granted to this Parish. I am at the same Time to certify, that $G - \mathcal{J}$ —, the Teacher of it, has behaved himself suitably to the Intentions of the pious Contributors. Long may this blessed Work slourish under your Protection and Insluence, is the most hearty Prayer of,

John Roberts, Rector of Llanbedrog.



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An Account of the Circulating and Catechetical WELCH CHARITY SQHOOLS,

From Michaelmas 1760, to Michaelmas 1761.

In these Schools (supported by the charitable Benefactions of the Well-disposed, whom we pray God to bless and reward) Men, Women, and Children, being ignorant of the English Tongue, are taught to read their native British Language, and catechetically instructed every Day they are at School, and many in the Night, who cannot attend by Day, in the Principles and Duties of Religion, out of the Church Catechism, and the Explanation of it, for Four or Five, and sometimes for Six Months, or longer, as those who desire to learn have Need of them, and at such Times of the Year, as the Poor can best spare from their Labours to attend them.

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Rhoscolyn Pa. Ch. 23	Llangoed Pa. Ch. 45
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